

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING SELECTIVE DISPOSITION OF AN INCOMING TELEPHONE CALL DURING AN INTERNET SESSION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for notifying an internet browser user of an incoming telephone call is performed by internet call notification software residing on the user's computer and software residing within a telephone network. A user selects the location of the internet notification software as a home page for the browser. The home page prompts the user for activation of internet call notification. If the user requests internet call notification, the software transmits an internet protocol address to the telephone network. The network then stores the internet protocol address for the user. When a call is made to the user, the telephone network accesses a database to retrieve the stored internet protocol address. The network then transmits a message to the user's software to notify the user of the incoming call. The software displays a window containing information about the telephone call. If the user chooses to accept the call, the software closes the browser and connects the telephone call to the user.